

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In Re: Pork Antitrust
Litigation

File No. 18CV1776
19CV1578 & 19CV2723
(JRT/HB)

Minneapolis, Minnesota
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BEFORE THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUDGE JOHN R. TUNHEIM
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
(MOTIONS HEARING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE)

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1 relationship with Agri Stats and to oversee the
2 transmission of data to and from Agri Stats.

3 That is the level of importance that these
4 defendants ascribed to the Agri Stats reports, that they
5 would put such high level directors, treasurers, division
6 controllers in control of this relationship.

7 Your Honor, just briefly on the -- I'm finished,
8 unless Your Honor has any questions further on the rule of
9 reason or the per se?

10 THE COURT: I just had one question. Other than
11 participating in providing information to Agri Stats, are
12 there any other allegations against Indiana Packers?

13 MS. SCARLETT: Your Honor, I would have to go
14 back through the complaints in detail, but I believe in
15 large part, the allegations against Indiana Packers rest
16 with their participation in Agri Stats.

17 THE COURT: All right. That's what I thought.
18 Thank you.

19 MS. SCARLETT: Just briefly addressing Rule 9(b),
20 it's a very fact specific inquiry. Your Honor is more than
21 capable of addressing it, but it's whether or not these
22 claims sound in fraud. These are price fixing and supply
23 constraints antitrust claims. These are not consumer
24 allegations of deception of packaging or labeling. These
25 are the core critical antitrust claims.